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SUBJECT: ;AJOR PROJECT: LIMA AND CALLAO SUBWAY

REF: STATE'S 209052, LIMA'S 7092

1. SUBWAY DOCUMENTS DATED JUNE 1,1975, ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON AUG. 3. THEY ANSWER QUESTIONS RAISED IN STATE REFTEL. HOWEVER, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S OPINION ON PROJECT FINANCE. DOCUMENTS INDICATE GOP INTENDS PAY FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FROM ITS ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET. WHILE COST THESE SERVICES NOT PARTICULARLY SUBSTANTIAL COMPARED TO CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION PHASES OF SUBWAY DEVELOPMENT, WILLINGNESS OF GOP TO RETAIN ENGINEERS IS CLEAR INDICATION OF PLANS MOVE AHEAD WITH PROJECT. COSTS OF WASHINGTON METRO AVERAGE APPROXIMATELY 45 MILLION DOLLARS/MILE TODAY AND INFORMED OBSERVERS BELIEVE COST WILL ESCALATE BEYOND 60 MILLION DOLLARS/MILE BEFORE COMPLETION 100 MILE SYSTEM. WHILE DEVELOPMENT OF 70 K; LIMA/CALLAO SUBWAY UNCLASSIFIED

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MIGHT BE SUBSTANTIALLY CHEAPER THAN WASHINGTON METRO,

IT WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY COST MORE THAN 1 BILLION DOLLARS.

WOULD BE INTERESTED LEARN HOW GOP INTENDS FINANCE
PROJECT OF THIS MAGNITUDE.

2. TWO QUALIFIED ENGINEERS WITH OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE
IN SUBWAY DESIGN HAVE ALREADY INDICATED INTEREST IN
LIMA/CALLAO AND ONE FIRM INFORMED US IT TRYING DEVELOP
RELATIONSHIP WITH PERUVIAN ENGINEERING COMPANY. VIEW
EXTREMELY SHORT LEAD TIME BEFORE PREQUALIFICATION DEAD-
LINE, HOWEVER, IT NOT CERTAIN THAT ANY U.S. FIRM WILL
SUBMIT QUALIFICATION INFORMATION. EMBASSY WILL BE

INFORMED OF DECISIONS AS SOON AS WE ARE NOTIFIED.

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